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SUBJ: CHANCERY SITE: DOHA, QATAR

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1. DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO DOHA, I SURVEYED THREE SITES DISCUSSED IN BEIRUT'S A-55 PLUS ADDITIONAL SITE RECENTLY FOUND BY CHARGE AND RAO. OF FOUR SITES, ONE MOST RECENTLY FOUND IS BE FAR BEST CHOICE. (SEE REF C). LOCATION IS GOOD; IT PROVIDES GOOD SECURITY POSTURE, CERTAINLY BEST FLOOR PLAN OF ANY OF PROPOSED SITES, AND IS WELL CONSTRUCTED. SIZE IS SUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR FORESEEABLE SPACE NEEDS. GROUND FLOOR VERANDA AND DOWNSTAIRS CENTRAL RECEPTION HALL VERY USABLE FOR REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF ANY SIZE AT LEAST PENDING COMPLETION OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. BUILDING IS IN ADVANCED STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IT WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY MUCH EARLIER THAN ANY OF OTHER SITES WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF YOUSEF UBAYDAN HOUSE.

2. OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES, NATIONAL AND GRINDLEYS BANK IS EARLIEST POSSIBILITY BUT IT HAS RATHER SEVERE SECURITY DRAWBACKS. YOUSEF UBAYDAN HOUSE, TOO, HAS SEVERE DRAWBACKS. AMOUNT
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OF SPACE WILL BE ONLY BARELY ADEQUATE EVEN WHEN UPPER PORCHES

ARE ENCLOSED AND CONFIGURATION DOES NOT READILY LEND ITSELF TO OFFICE ORGANIZATION. PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL IS, I THINK, A SECURITY FACTOR THAT MUST BE WEIGHED. ALI AL SHAAR COMPOUND IS, I THINK, OUT OF QUESTION. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD MEET OUR SPACE REQUIREMENTS, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER IT WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE NEXT FALL. IT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE CITY AND HAS NEITHER ACCESS ROADS NOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

3. OF ALTERNATIVES, MOHAMMAD KAWARI HOUSE (REFTEL C) IS MOST CERTAINLY OUTSTANDING. RODMAN AND WHEELLOCK AGREE THAT IT IS BEST THAT WE ARE LIKELY TO FIND WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME-FRAME.
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